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CONTINUED PROSECUTION APPLICATION (CPA) TRANSMITTAL

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WASHINGTON, D.C. 20231

This is a request for filing a x Continuation      Divisional patent applica-  
tion, under 37 CFR 1.53(d), (Continued Prosecution Application (CPA)) of pend-  
ing prior patent application Serial Number 09/236,373, which was filed on  
the date of JANUARY 25, 1999, in the name of BRUCE A. BUHLER, for  
MULTIPLE FLAME TORCH APPARATUS.

\_\_\_ 1. Enter the unentered amendment previously filed, in the above-identified prior patent application, on \_\_\_\_\_ under 37 CFR 1.116.

x 2. A preliminary amendment is enclosed herewith.

3. This application is filed by fewer than all of the inventors named in the prior patent application (37 CFR 1.53(d)(4)).

\_\_\_\_ Delete the following inventor(s) named in the prior patent application:

     4. A new Power of Attorney is attached hereto.

5. Information Disclosure Statement (IDS), Citation, and Cited Prior Art documents are enclosed herewith.

**The filing fee has been calculated as shown below:**

|               | SMALL ENTITY |           |            |        | LARGE ENTITY |        |
|---------------|--------------|-----------|------------|--------|--------------|--------|
| BASIC FEE     |              |           |            | \$ 355 |              | \$ 710 |
|               | No. Filed    | No. Extra | Rate       | Fee    | Rate         | Fee    |
| TOTAL CLAIMS  | 25 - 20      | -5-       | x \$ 9.00  | \$     | x \$18.00    | \$ 90  |
| INDEP. CLAIMS | 5 - 3        | -2-       | x \$ 40.00 | \$     | x \$80.00    | \$ 160 |
|               |              |           | TOTAL FEE  | \$     |              | \$ 960 |

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\_\_\_ 6. Small entity status:

\_\_\_ A small entity statement is enclosed herewith.

\_\_\_ A small entity statement was filed in the prior patent application and such status is still proper, valid, and desired.

\_\_\_ Small entity status is no longer proper, valid, or desired.

x 7. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees which may be required, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account 23-0818. A duplicate copy of this sheet is attached hereto.

x 8. Amend the specification of this patent application by inserting before the first line thereof the sentence: This patent application is a x Continuation \_\_\_ Divisional patent application of prior United States Patent Application Serial Number 09/236,373, which was filed on JANUARY 25, 1999.

\_\_\_ 9. Priority of patent application Serial Number \_\_\_\_\_, which was filed on \_\_\_\_\_, in \_\_\_\_\_, is hereby claimed under 35 USC 119. The certified copy of the priority document has been filed in the prior United States Patent Application Serial Number \_\_\_\_\_, which was filed on \_\_\_\_\_.

x 10. The prior patent application is assigned of record to  
ILLINOIS TOOL WORKS INC.


\_\_\_ 11. Also enclosed are \_\_\_\_\_.

x 12. The Power of Attorney in the prior patent application is to:  
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- a. x The power appears in the original papers in the prior patent application.
- b. \_\_\_ Since the power does not appear in the original papers of the prior patent application, a copy of the power as filed in the prior patent application is enclosed herewith.
- c. x Address all future correspondence to:

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